

## Spirit AeroSystems Recognizes Airgas for Superior Performance

**RADNOR, PA, Sept. 12, 2017** – Airgas, an Air Liquide company and a leading U.S. supplier of industrial gases, welding technologies, and safety products, announced today that it received the 2017 Indirect Supplier of the Year award from Spirit AeroSystems for superior performance. Spirit recognized Airgas at the Spirit AeroSystems Suppliers Awards Dinner in Wichita, Kansas.

Spirit AeroSystems Supply Chain Management awards these honorees to recognize suppliers that have achieved superior performance, with nominations typically coming from the company's procurement groups. Suppliers like Airgas can be nominated for offering outstanding support, expediting deliveries or providing weekend assistance.

Airgas has proudly supplied Spirit AeroSystems with safety products, packaged gas and hardgoods since June 2005.

Spirit president and chief executive officer Tom Gentile said: ***“Spirit cannot be successful without world-class partners. We are proud to recognize these suppliers for sharing our passion in delivering high-quality products on time. We look forward to collaborating with them in the future as we continue to meet our customers’ delivery needs and rate requirements.”***

Airgas CEO Pascal Vinet commented: ***“We appreciate this recognition from Spirit AeroSystems, as it demonstrates the valued partnership we’ve developed together over the last decade and affirms our commitment to serve customers and deliver value. Our 18,000 Airgas associates look forward to helping Spirit AeroSystems achieve their goals for years to come.”***

### **About Airgas**

Airgas, an Air Liquide company, is the leading U.S. supplier of industrial, medical and specialty gases, as well as hardgoods and related products; one of the largest U.S. suppliers of safety products; and a leading U.S. supplier of refrigerants, ammonia products, and process chemicals.

Dedicated to improving the performance of its more than 1 million customers, Airgas safely and reliably provides products, services and expertise through its more than 18,000 associates, over 1,100 locations, robust e-Business platform, and Airgas Total Access telesales channel.

As an Air Liquide company, the world leader in gases, technology and services for Industry and Health, Airgas offers customers an unrivaled global footprint and industry leading technology and innovations.

For more information, please visit [www.airgas.com](http://www.airgas.com).

### **About Spirit AeroSystems**

Spirit AeroSystems designs and builds aerostructures for both commercial and defense customers. With headquarters in Wichita, Kansas, Spirit operates sites in the U.S., U.K., France and Malaysia. The company's core products include fuselages, pylons, nacelles and wing components for the world's premier aircraft. Spirit AeroSystems focuses on affordable, innovative composite and aluminum manufacturing solutions to support customers around the globe. More information is available at [www.spiritaero.com](http://www.spiritaero.com).

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The world leader in gases, technologies and services for Industry and Health, Air Liquide is present in 80 countries with approximately 65,000 employees and serves more than 3 million customers and patients. Oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen are essential small molecules for life, matter and energy. They embody Air Liquide's scientific territory and have been at the core of the company's activities since its creation in 1902.

Air Liquide's ambition is to lead its industry, deliver long term performance and contribute to sustainability. The company's customer-centric transformation strategy aims at profitable growth over the long term. It relies on operational excellence, selective investments, open innovation and a network organization implemented by the Group worldwide. Through the commitment and inventiveness of its people, Air Liquide leverages energy and environment transition, changes in healthcare and digitization, and delivers greater value to all its stakeholders.

Air Liquide's revenue amounted to € 18.1 billion in 2016 and its solutions that protect life and the environment represented more than 40% of sales. Air Liquide is listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (compartment A) and belongs to the CAC 40, EURO STOXX 50 and FTSE4Good indexes.